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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Invitation to Participate; Coal Exploration License Application

WYW180757, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Alpha Coal West, Inc., on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Campbell County, Wyoming.

DATES: This notice of invitation will be published in the Gillette News-Record once each week for 2 consecutive weeks beginning the week of May 7, 2012, and in the Federal Register. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Alpha Coal West, Inc., as provided in the ADDRESSES section below, no later than 30 days after publication of this invitation in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serializ number WYW180757): BLM, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003; and BLM, High Plains District Office, 2987 Prospector Circle, Casper, Wyoming 82604. The

written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Alpha Coal West, Inc., Attn: Dave Olson, P.O. Box 3040, Gillette, Wyoming 82177 and the BLM, Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Joyce Gulliver, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce Gulliver, Land Law Examiner, at 307-775-6208. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Alpha Coal West, Inc. has applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license on public land adjacent to its Belle Ayr Coal Mine. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain structural and quality information of the coal. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410 require the publication of an invitation to participate in the coal exploration in the Federal Register. The Federal coal resources included in the exploration license application are located in the following-described lands in Wyoming:

6th Principal Meridian

T. 47 N., R. 72 W.,

sec. 1, lot 6;

sec. 2, lots 5 through 12 inclusive;

T. 48 N., R. 72 W.,

sec. 23, lots 1 through 16 inclusive;

sec. 24, lots 2 through 7 inclusive and lots 9 through 16 inclusive;

sec. 25, lots 1 through 16 inclusive;

sec. 26, lots 1 through 16 inclusive; and

sec. 35, lots 1 through 15 inclusive.

Containing 3,494.92 acres, more or less, in Campbell County.

The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM.

/s/ Mary E. Trautner

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Acting State Director

Authority: 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1)

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